

The HIV Epidemic

and Michigan Students

What is the problem?

The 2005 Youth Risk Behavior Survey indicates that among Michigan high school students:

Sexual Risk Behaviors

- 42% ever had sexual intercourse.
- 6% had first sexual intercourse before age 13 years.
- 12% had sexual intercourse with ≥ 4 people.
- 29% had sexual intercourse during the past three months.
- 38% did not use a condom during last sexual intercourse. (1)
- 22% drank alcohol or used drugs before last sexual intercourse. (1)

What are the solutions?

Better health education • Healthier school environments

What is the status?

The 2004 School Health Profiles indicates that among Michigan middle/junior and senior high schools:

Health Education

- Among schools that required health education, 34% required students to take two or more health education courses.
- 26% taught all 10 critical HIV prevention topics in a required health education course.
- 93% taught abstinence as the most effective method to avoid HIV infection.
- 93% taught how HIV is transmitted.
- 29% taught how to correctly use a condom.
- 79% taught how to find valid information or services related to HIV or HIV testing.
- 55% had a lead health education teacher who received staff development on HIV prevention during the past two years.

School Environment

• 53% had a written policy that protects the rights of students or staff with HIV infection or AIDS.

Among schools that had a written policy:

- 93% of the policies addressed procedures to protect HIV-infected students and staff from discrimination.
- 97% of the policies addressed maintainance of confidentiality for HIV-infected students and staff.
- 82% of the policies addressed adequate training for school staff about HIV infection.

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Where can I get more information? Visit www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth or call 800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636).



